

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 563, 3/13/2017; SB 139, 3/13/2017

HEARING ON SB 139**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:38 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 139, Revise k-12 school district expansion laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:34 Rep. Vinton

00:09:21 Scott Walter, East Helena Public School (EHPS)

00:14:26 Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena Public School (EHPS)

EXHIBIT(edh57a01)

00:18:24 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood School

00:24:34 Rep. B. Bennett joined the meeting

00:25:18 Sen. McClafferty

00:26:14 Shay Goldsberry, Self

00:27:55 Kael Goldsberry, Self

00:29:05 Karen Goldsberry, Self

00:29:49 Mark Diehl, Self

00:32:20 Chad Hanson, Self

EXHIBIT(edh57a02)

00:35:28 Teresa Stroebe, Self

00:37:53 Bob Riehl, Self

EXHIBIT(edh57a03)

00:38:50 Marcia Ellermeyer, Self

00:39:17 Kevin Bokovoy, Self

00:40:24 Kit Johnson, East Helena Public School (EHPS)

00:40:43 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway joined the meeting

00:40:51 Tim Sather, Self

00:41:17 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:41:39 Jim Standaert, Self

EXHIBIT(edh57a04)**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:25 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:51 Rep. Essmann

00:44:35 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood School

00:44:51 Rep. B. Bennett

00:45:40 Ken Bailey, OPI

00:46:35 Rep. Essmann

00:47:11 Jim Standaert, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:29 Sen. Ankney

HEARING ON HB 563**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:52:37 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 563, Establishing Montana preschool grant program.

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a05\)](#)

00:59:31 Rep. Schreiner joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:35 Siri Smillie, Governors Office

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a07\)](#)

01:09:30 Jessica Reynolds, Montana Speech-Language and Hearing Association (MSHA)

01:13:39 Lorry Wurster, Great Falls Public Preschool

01:17:30 Jane Arntzen Schumacher, Self

01:21:28 Melissa Gulick, Self

01:27:10 Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public School (GFPS)

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a08\)](#)

01:32:25 Fonda Porterfield, Self

01:33:25 Elly Driggers, Self

01:36:08 Ahnna Barnett, Self

01:41:28 Craig Berringer, Libby Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a09\)](#)

01:44:22 Elaine Schoyen, Self

01:47:34 Jill Miller, Self

01:50:46 Peggy Hollow-Phelps, Self

01:52:25 Shannon Bender, Self

01:53:05 John Rossmiller, Self

01:54:22 Rep. Greef joined the meeting

01:56:29 Kristin Morss, Childcare resources

01:57:35 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana

01:58:04 Patty Butler, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:58:35 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Public School Superintendent

01:58:59 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association- Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:59:11 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

01:59:23 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association, Montana Advocates for Children

02:00:06 Mary Jane Standaert, Montana Head Start

02:00:26 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

02:00:41 Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena Public School (EHPS)

02:01:06 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

02:01:20 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a11\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:02:27 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh57a12)

Informational Testimony:

02:05:36 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:05:54 Rep. Funk
02:06:37 Rep. Kelker
02:07:13 Rep. P. Webb
02:07:58 Rep. Kelker
02:08:32 Rep. Anderson
02:09:06 Ruth Uecker, GFPS
02:09:51 Rep. Vinton
02:10:23 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Public School
02:12:26 Rep. Curtis
02:13:04 Shannon Bender, Self
02:13:53 Rep. Staffanson
02:16:22 Rep. Kelker
02:17:05 Rep. Price
02:18:29 Ruth Uecker, GFPS
02:19:05 Rep. Funk
02:21:07 Craig Berringer, Libby Public Schools
02:21:51 Chair Berglee
02:22:28 Ken Bailey, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:55 Rep. Kelker

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:26:17

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh57aad.pdf](#))